being collected from the States/Union Territories and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as information is made available.

Noise pollution during night hours

3419. SHRIMANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRON MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had some time back issued orders to Government to regulate the noise pollution in the country, particularly during night hours;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken by Government to give effect to the directives of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court had issued orders for regulating noise pollution during night hours in the country and particluarly, during festive period. As per the notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests dated 11.10.2002, the State Governments are directed to reduce noise pollution, permit use of loud-speaker and public address systems during night hours (between 10 pm to 12.00 mid night) on or during any cultural or religious festive occasion of a limited duration not exceeding 15 days in all during a calendar year.

(c) In pursuance of the orders of the Supreme Court, all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been requested to ensure compliance to the provisions laid down in the above notification of noise pollution.

Implementation of the report of Tiger Task Force

3420. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether action has been initiated to implement the recommendations of the report of Sunita Narain Tiger Task Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;